

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S549–S579

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3593–3603, and S. Res. 506–507. **Pages S574–75**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 497, to establish the American Fisheries Advisory Committee to assist in the awarding of fisheries research and development grants. (S. Rept. No. 117–68)

S. 3541, to improve health care and services for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Page S574**

Measures Passed:

National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 506, supporting the goals of National Catholic Schools Week. **Page S577**

Blue Star Mother's Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 507, designating February 1, 2022, as "Blue Star Mother's Day". **Page S577**

Sheppard Air Force Base and Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program Anniversaries: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 424, commemorating the 80th anniversary of the dedication of Sheppard Air Force Base and the 40th anniversary of the creation of the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S578**

Bush Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. **Pages S549–54, S559–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 9, 2022; provided further that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Scott A. Nathan, of Massachusetts, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation; that following disposition of the nomination of Scott A. Nathan, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of

Douglas R. Bush; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m. **Page S578**

Vekich Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner. **Page S563**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 10, 2022. **Page S563**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S563**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S563**

Motion to Discharge Bagenstos Nomination—Agreement: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Finance being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Finance from further consideration of the nomination of Samuel R. Bagenstos, of Michigan, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services; under the provisions of S. Res. 27, there will be up to 4 hours of debate on the motion, equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; with no motions, points of order, or amendments in order. **Pages S563–67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the vote on the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on Finance, be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, notwithstanding Rule XXII. **Page S563**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 62 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), John P. Howard III, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years. **Pages S554–55**

By 55 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 39), Loren L. AliKhan, of the District of Columbia, to be an

Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a term of fifteen years. **Page S555**

By 54 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. **Pages S558–59**

By 68 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 41), Lisa A. Carty, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S559**

By 66 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 42), Chantale Yokmin Wong, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S562–63**

Homer L. Wilkes, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Pages S567–68**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—42) **Page S555, S558–59, S563**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S578.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Michael E. Kurilla, USA, to be general and Commander, United States Central Command, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of

Maria Duaine Robinson, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary (Office of Electricity), and Joseph F. DeCarolis, of North Carolina, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, both of the Department of Energy, and Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PROTECTING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting youth mental health, focusing on an advisory and call to action, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Vivek H. Murthy, Surgeon General, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Randi Charno Levine, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, and N. Nickolas Perry, of New York, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, who were both introduced by Senator Schumer, Laura Farnsworth Dogu, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras, and Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Rosen, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LOG4SHELL VULNERABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine responding to and learning from the Log4Shell vulnerability, after receiving testimony from David Nalley, Apache Software Foundation, Wilmington, Delaware; Brad Arkin, Cisco Systems, San Jose, California; Jen Miller-Osborn, Palo Alto Networks, Santa Clara, California; and Trey Herr, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.

COVID-19

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lessons learned from COVID-19, focusing on highlighting innovations, maximizing inclusive practices, and overcoming barriers to employment for people with disabilities, after receiving testimony from Lisa Schur, Rutgers University Program for Disability Research, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Brian S. Dennis, Iowa Workforce Development, Des Moines; and Frank Kineavy, Sea Girt, New Jersey.